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Response to Rule 312  
Communication

- ☐ The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

Director,  
Patent Examining Group

- ☒ The amendment filed on 6/7/99 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- ☐ entered.
- ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).
- ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

Due to the proposed addition of 3 claims, the proposed amendment will not be entered, since more than a cursory record would be necessary.  
review of the

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

1. In view of the papers filed April 26, 1999, it has been found that this non-provisional application, as filed, through error and without deceptive intent, improperly set forth the inventorship, and accordingly, this application has been corrected in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.48(a). The inventorship of this application has been changed by adding an inventor, Mr. Christopher L. Knauft.

The application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for issuance of a corrected filing receipt, and correction of the file jacket and PTO PALM data to reflect the inventorship as corrected.

2. The information disclosure statement filed May 20, 1999 fails to comply with 37 CFR § 1.97(d) because it lacks (1) a statement as specified in 37 CFR § 1.97(e), (2) a petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement, and (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(i). It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

3. **Any response to this Office action should be mailed to:**

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from Examiner should be directed to Maria N. Von Buhr whose telephone number is (703) 305-3837. Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, Examiner's Supervisor, Thomas G. Black can be reached at (703) 305-9707.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.



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